Decision to set up processing plants in some States t 1699.

SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has decided to set up processing plants in some States;

if so, the names of these States;

the total quantum of steel in tonnes likely to be produced in these plants; and

the number of people expected to get employment directly or indirectly in these steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is considering setting up Steel Processing Units (SPUs) at suitable locations in the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) and (d) The total quantum of production and the number of people expected to get employment will be known only after finalization of proposals for various processing units.

Production and demand of steel

1700. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

the total production of steel in the country during the last five years;

the total demand for steel in the country;

the steps being taken to increase the turnover of various steel units in the public sector;

the private sector steel units presently in operation and how many are under pipeline for commercial production; and

the total export of steel from the country during the last five years, both in quantity and value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) The total production of finished steel (alloy/non-alloy) in the country during the last five years is as under:—

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Finished Steel Production (Alloy/Non-alloy)	37166	40709	43513	46566	52529

Soruce: JPC-Annual Statistics

(b) The total assessed demand/apparent consumption for steel in i the country is as under:—

(000 tonnes)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Non Alloy Finished Steel	28897	31169	34389	39185	44328
Total Finished Steel (Alloy /Non-alloy)	30677	33119	36377	41433	46783

Source: JPC—Annual Statistics

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigarn Ltd. (RINL) are the two steel producing public sector undertakings.

SAIL: During 2006-07, SAIL produced 12.581 million tonnes of saleable steel. This corresponds to 114% capacity utilization. During 2006-07, a sales turnover of Rs. 39,189 crores was achieved. In the current year, a sale turnover of about Rs. 40,000 crores is expected. Steps taken by SAIL for increasing turnover now and in future are:

Improvement in quality

Improvement in value added products

Development of new products

Expanding production capacity of hot metal from the present 14.6 million tonnes to 26 million tonnes by 2010-11.

RINL:— During 2006-07, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) produced 3,290 million tonnes of saleable steel. This corresponds to 124% capacity utilization. During 2006-07, a sale turnover of Rs. 9151 crores was achieved. In the current year, a sales turnover of just below Rs. 10,000 crores is expected. Steps taken by VSP for increasing turnover now and in future:

Increasing production of value added steel products

Improving product mix for increasing realizations

Expanding capacity of the plant from the present 3.5 million tonnes to 6.3 million tonnes. The expanded capacity is likely to be commissioned during 2010.

At preset there are 5 major steel producers in the country with production capacities,, exceeding 1 million tonnes per annum. These are Tata Steel Limited, JSW Steel Limited, Essar Steel Limited, Ispat Industries Limited and Jindai Power and Steel Limited. Some of the other steel producers such as Bhushan Steel Limited, Bhushan Power and Steel Limited, Visa Steel Limited, Jai Balaj Steel Limited, Monnet Ispat & Energy Limited etc. have already set up their production units and are also expanding their production capacities. Moreover, almost all major private steel producers, noted above, are also expanding their production capacities through Greenfield and Brownfield projects.

The data on total export of steel (total finished steel + semis) from the country during the last five years, both in quantity and value are as under:—

Qty. '000 tonne

Value: Rs. Crores

2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
5426	NA	5519	NA	4819	15123	5069	16669	5703	18008